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MEMORANDUM

TO: William L. Harp, M.D.
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FROM: Erin L. Barrett
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DATE: July 16, 2015

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants*
18VAC85-50-10 *et seq.*

I have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Physician Assistants, 18VAC85-50-10 *et seq.* The proposed amendment eliminates the requirement for a supervising physician signature on prescriptions written by a physician assistant for Schedule VI drugs, and further provides clarification on the manner of compliance with the disclosure requirement contained in Virginia Code § 54.1-2952.1. The Board has the statutory authority to amend this regulation under Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2400 and 54.1-2952.1. The proposed amendment is constitutional and does not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.